ministration, have been given back-dated seniority and have become senior to persons selected before 1976 in open competition through the U.P.S.C. for the Class I posts; and

(b) if so, whether any approval of U.P.S.C. was taken for giving back-dated seniority to such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) On implementation of recommendations of Luthra Committee posts belonging to Class II Gazetted and Class III Non-Gazetted were upgraded to Class I posts with effect from 27-5-1970 in respect of Non-Engineering subject, and with effect from 4.6.1977 in respect of Professional subjects. According to Delhi Administration, this did not affect the discopline-wise seniority of persons selected before 1976 through U.P.S.C.

(b) The regulation of eligible staff upgraded to Class I post was done with the prior approval of U.P.S.C.

Setting up of Academic Staff College under the University of Delhi

3333. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Academic Staff College is proposed to be set up under the University of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any schemes have been drawn up in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is proposed to be set up;

(d) whether similar schemes are being drawn up for other Universities also; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) In response to the proposal of the University Grants Commission for setting up of an Academic Staff College, the University of Delhi has set up in 1987, with the approval of the Commission Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education. The Centre is designed to organise orientation programmes for newly appointed lecturers with less than five years' service, and also to organise subject-oriented refresher courses for in-service teachers with more than five years service, in five disciplins, viz. Chemistry, Commerce, social Work, Library Science and Sociology.

(d) and (e) The University Grants Commission approved during 1987-88 the setting up of an Academic Staff Colleges in 48 universities for organising orientation programmes for new entrants in universities and colleges and refresher courses for in-service teachers.

Benefits to university teachers for ad-hoc/temporary service

3334. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University of Delhi has recently decided that university/college teachers who have put in some years of temporary or ad-hoc service and who are subsequently selected to their respective posts on a regular basis, would get some benefits/increments in the pay-fixation on the basis of the number of years of their temporary service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of years a teacher should put in service to get pensionary benefits at the time of his retirement;

(d) whether the years of temporary ad-hoc service they have put in, are also be added to the years of their regular service to derive pensionary benefits in their retirement; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Temporary service followed by regular service rendered by a University|College teacher is counted for allowing normal annual increments. It is also counted for pensionary benefits. However, no benefit is given in respect of *ad-hoc* service

(c) Not less than 10 years' qualifying service.

(d) and (e) The service rendered on temporary basis can be added to the regular service for pensionary benefits in case there is no break in service and the concerned teacher was selected for the temporary service by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

Visit of the Chief Minister of North Eastern province of Sri Lanka to India

3335. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Sri Lanka's North-Eastern Province visited India on the 12th March and had long discussions with the Union Government for providing more aid in that country; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the visit and to what extent India has agreed to help Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of North-Eastern Province visited India and paid courtesy calls on Indian leaders and apprised them of the situation in the North-Eastern Province and the major tasks facing his Provincisl Government, especially in the field of rehabilitation and reconstruction. India has already extended a rehabilitation grant of Rs. 25 crores to Sri Lanka which is in the process of being utilised.

Preparing of software for adult education and non-formal education

3336. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any software for adult education and non-formal education to show on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the modalities of preparing such software and what is the budget esimate for these purposes;

(c) whether such programmes are being sponsored by any private agencies; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Video films have been prepared for adult education.

(b) The proposals received from the producers for production of video films are considered and approved on merit by the Costing Committee of the Directorate of Adult Education.

The budget of the Directorate for 1988-89 contained a provision of Rs. 25.00 lakhs for media support.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.